REMARKS

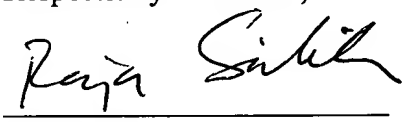
The Examiner has objected to the specification for the reasons set forth at page 2 of the Office Action. Applicants are amending the specification to overcome the Examiner's objection.

In response to the Examiner's request, Applicants also submit herewith a Request for Approval of Drawing Corrections and a Drawing Submission, showing additional lead lines in Fig. 10.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification is changed as follows:

Paragraph [0049] at page 13:

[0049] FIG. 5 is a frontal view of a cutting apparatus for a welding machine according to [the]a third embodiment of the present invention;

Paragraph [0072] at page 17:

[0072] In this hydraulic drive means, a trunnion portion of a hydraulic trunnion type cylinder 53 is coupled rotatably with a shaft 52 fitted in a bracket 51 mounted on the top surface side of the carriage C frame 5 as the apparatus frame, and at the same time, a link 56 constituting the upper blade portion ascending/descending link means is coupled rotatably with a tip end member 54 made of metal mounted at a tip end of a piston rod of the above-described hydraulic trunnion type cylinder 53 and a shaft 55 fitted in the tip end member[made by metal 54].

Paragraph [0112] at page 26:

[0112] The piston rod 82 is supported to be movable up and down by a guide member 81 within the upper blade holder 50 [as the upper blade portion]or within a guide member 80 within the carriage [C]frame 5.

FIG. 10